

18. (Amended) The A structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 10 or 11, wherein the preform includes a textile comprising a hybrid yarn of commingled said structural fibers and said thermoplastic fibers or a yarn of said structural fibers and a yarn of said thermoplastic fibers.

19. (Amended) A method of making a composite comprising forming a preform by combining dry structural fibers with dry non-structural thermoplastic fibers in an assembly to provide a structural component, injecting or infusing a liquid resin into the structural component, and curing the liquid resin.

20. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a resin curing agent is added to the structural component prior to the liquid resin.

21. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the curing agent is encapsulated in a material which melts at a first temperature and wherein the curing step involves raising a temperature to the first temperature to activate the resin curing agent.

22. (Amended) The method as claimed in any one of Claims 19 to 21, wherein the curing step is at least partially carried out at a temperature below the melting point of the thermoplastic fibers.

23. (Amended) The method as claimed in any one of Claims 19 to 21, wherein the preform includes textile is provided in layers and a veil is provided between at least one adjacent pair of layers prior to addition of the resin, the veil comprising a thin layer of woven or non-woven material.

24. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 23, further comprising distributing binder material on or in the veil.

25. (Amended) The method as claimed in any one of Claims 19 to 21, wherein the resin injection process is resin transfer molding or composite resin injection molding.

Kindly add new claims 26-29 as follows:

26. (New) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 15, wherein binder material is distributed on or in the veil.

27. (New) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.

28. (New) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.

29. (New) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.

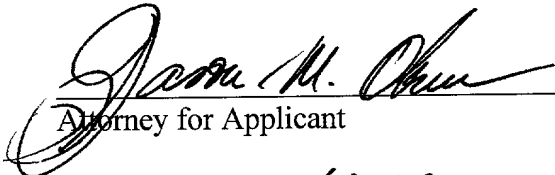
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Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8 and 10-25 and claims 26-29 have been added to correct improper multiple dependencies, correct the spelling and obviate any indefiniteness rejections. Claim 1 has also been amended to clarify that non-structural thermoplastic fibers in the assembly are in a fiber form in the final composite. The title of the invention has been amended to correct a typographical error. The specification has been amended to include priority information. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present case.

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